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NOTIFICATION.

No. SD. 1122—R. 145-45-10, Dated Bangalore, 7th August 1946.

In exercise of the powers conferred by rules 81 and 116 of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following Order and to direct with reference to sub-rule (i) of Rule 119 of the said rules that notice of this Order shall be given by the publication of the same in the *Mysore Gazette* and by the issue of a press note indicating the nature of the Order:—

The Mysore Ration Census Order, 1946.

1. (*a*) This order shall be called "The Mysore Ration Census Order, 1946."

(*b*) It extends to the whole of Mysore and it shall come into force at once.

2. In this order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

(*a*) "Census Officer" means an Officer appointed by the Government for the purpose of collecting information and statistics necessary for purposes of Rationing or better regulation of Rationing of essential commodities in any area under Rule 3 (*a*) of this order and includes any other person appointed under Rule 3 (*b*) hereunder.

(*b*) "Rationing Officers" means Chief Rationing Officers and includes officers appointed by Government to regulate the distribution of essential commodities in specified areas.

(*c*) "Census Programme" means such programme of events in connection with the collection of the information and statistics required, as the Chief Ration Census Officer may publish, by notification in the Official Gazette, or otherwise, in the area.

(*d*) "House-holder" means the head of the family or, in his absence from the premises at the time of the visit of the Census Officer, as per the Census Programme, the eldest member of the family present on the premises.

(*e*) "Person in charge of an establishment" means the Manager of an establishment such as Hostel, Hospital, Hotel, or Restaurant and the like, and includes, in his absence from the premises, at the time of the visit of the Census Officer, as per the Census Programme, the senior-most member of the establishment in immediate charge, present on the premises.

(*f*) "Family" means and includes a group of persons living together permanently and having their meals in common.

Explanation.—A person who is not expected to reside within the family for a period longer than three months shall not be deemed to be a permanent member of the family.

(*g*) "Child" means a person who has not completed his or her eighth year.

(*h*) "Adult" means a person who is not a child.

3. (*a*) Government may, for purposes of carrying out the objects of this order, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint a "Chief Ration Census Officer," who shall be subordinate to the Director of Food Supplies which term includes Additional Director of Food Supplies.

(*b*) The Chief Ration Census Officer may, by order in writing, appoint Census Officers to assist him in the discharge of his duties under this order and on such appointment, the person so appointed, shall, unless prevented by reasonable cause, perform the duties allotted to him, by the Chief Ration Census Officer to the best of his ability.

4. The Chief Ration Census Officer may authorise any Census Officer in respect of any area within the limits of his jurisdiction, to paint on, or affix to, any premises in that area, such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary for facilitating their identification.

5. (*a*) The Chief Ration Census Officer may, with a view to arrange for rationing of essential commodities, or for better regulation of such rationing, wherever it is already in force, call upon every house-holder or person in charge of an establishment, to furnish information and statistics, in such form or forms, and in conformity with such programme as may be prescribed by him, from time to time, by notification in the Official Gazette.

(*b*) Thereupon, every house-holder or person in charge of an establishment, as the case may be, shall furnish to the Census Officer, true and correct information in respect of all the matters specified, in the forms prescribed, and in conformity with the Census Programme.

6. Every person of whom questions are asked by any Census Officer, for the purpose of collecting information and statistics necessary for rationing, or better regulation of rationing, of essential commodities, shall be legally bound to answer such questions to the best of his knowledge and belief, and if so required by the Census Officer, to answer such questions in writing, with his signature or thumb impression affixed thereto, in the form, if any, and within the time prescribed by the Chief Ration Census Officer.

7. (*a*) Every house-holder shall allow the Census Officer such access into his premises as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the information furnished by him.

(*b*) Every person in charge of an establishment shall allow the Census Officer such access into his premises, or inspection of his account books, as may be necessary, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the information furnished by him.

8. No person shall remove, obliterate, or alter, or damage, before such Census date as the Chief Ration Census Officer may prescribe, by notification in the Official Gazette, any letters, marks or numbers which have been painted on or affixed to the premises by any Census Officer.

9. The Chief Ration Census Officer shall publish, by notification in the Official Gazette or otherwise in the locality, beforehand, a programme of events in connection with the Census.

10. Every Census Officer shall be bound to ascertain, as far as possible, the truth or otherwise of the information furnished by the house-holder or the person in charge of an establishment and enter under his or her signature, in the form prescribed, the result of such verification, provided that where the presence of lady inmates of any house or establishment is to be verified, only Lady Census Officers may satisfy themselves regarding their actual presence.

11. Any Rationing Officer appointed or any officer duly authorised in this behalf by the Government, may fix rations on the basis of information and statistics collected or alter the quantity already allowed, to any house-holder or person in charge of an establishment, by issue of new ration cards or permits, or making alterations in such cards or permits if any, already issued.

12. No Census Officer shall knowingly make any false return in connection with an enquiry conducted by him.

13. In areas where rationing of articles or things essential to the life of the community, is already in force,:

(1) Every house-holder or person in charge of an establishment, shall be legally bound—

(*a*) to furnish, in cases where any of the members of the house-hold or establishment, is already drawing rations, on the date of the commencement of the Census Programme, on ration cards or permits, other than the one in the name of the house-holder or the establishment, such ration card or cards, or permit or permits, under which rations are being so drawn, or give the numbers thereof, whenever required, by any Census Officer or the Rationing Officer.

(2) On and after the date on which the existing ration cards or permits are declared *null* and *void*, by the Chief Ration Census Officer, no person shall issue any rationed commodity on the basis of any such obsolete ration card or permit.

14. Any contravention of any direction contained in this Order shall be deemed to be a contravention punishable under Rule 81 (4) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

15. Order No. 1 issued with Notification No. S. D. 2182—C. 84-43, dated the 1st October 1943, under the title "Mysore Ration Census Order" is hereby repealed.

Provided, however, that any rules made, anything done or any action taken in exercise of any power conferred by or under the above-said Order shall be deemed to have been made, done or taken in exercise of the powers conferred by or under this Order, as if this Order had commenced on the 1st of October 1943.

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